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FOR DCM FROM MWEISSMAN, ARA/CEN

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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON EARTHQUAKE IN GUATEMALA

1. PER YOUR TELECON, INFORMATION ON GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE
AS OF MID-DAY AS FOLLOWS:

2. ZONES 3 AND 5 IN THE CITY HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT.
THESE ARE GENERALLY THE POORER SECTIONS OF TOWN. IN ZONE
3, FROM 1/3 TO 1/2 OF THE HOUSES HAVE BEEN DAMAGED;
IN ZONE 5 FROM 1/5 TO 1/3 OF THE HOUSES HAVE BEEN DAMAGED.
WALLS ARE DOWN AND ELECTRICITY AND WATER HAVE BEEN DIS-
RUPTED. ZONES 9, 6 AND 8 HAVE ALSO SUFFERED HEAVY DAMAGE.

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ZONE 1 HAS SUFFERED LIGHT DAMAGE. ZONE 9, 10, 13, AND 14

AND 15 HAVE SUFFERED ONLY VERY LIGHT DAMAGE.

3. THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT ALL OFFICIAL PERSONNEL ARE SAFE AND ACCOUNTED FOR. THEY HAVE HAD NO REPORTS YET OF ANY AMERICAN TOURISTS OR AMERICAN RESIDENTS EITHER KILLED OR INJURED. ONE OF THE HOTELS, THE RITZ, HAS SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE, BUT ALL AMERICAN TOURISTS THERE ARE REPORTED SAFE.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF PEOPLE KILLED IN THE EARTHQUAKE, BUT AS YET THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION AS TO NUMBERS. THE EMBASSY REPORTS THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR LANDSLIDES IN THE HILLS SURROUNDING THE CITY, WHICH COULD HAVE RESULTED IN A VERY HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE. INGERSOLL

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